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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0212831
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0222982
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0230716
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,754,725
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,052,750
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,421,069
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 7,010,624

Documents (1) and (2) are publications of the two co-pending application cited in Applicants first Information Disclosure Statement. Documents (3) - (7) were cited during prosecution of co-pending A.N. 10/784,261 (corresponding to document (1)), in an Office Action (copy attached) dated October 5, 2007.

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